

ABSTRACT

A system and methods for providing users with comprehensive search results in response to queries entered by the user over a computer network. The user may access the network and enter a query in order to obtain information related to the query. The network is associated with a plurality of electronic files and a metadata database for accessing the files. The key terms of the query will be identified and may be expanded to include additional terms that have been previously identified as related to the key terms entered by the user. The expanded query is used to provide the user with information that contains or is identified by terms that may or may not be included in the query entered by the user, but nevertheless is relevant thereto.